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WOMAN TRIES TO END HER LIFE WITH ACID

Mrs. Margaret Stelljes Is Rushed to Hospital After Taking Poison on 9th St.

RECOVERY IS LIKELY

Husband, a Shoe Cutter, Knows No Reason for Wife's Action.

Mrs. Margaret Stelljes, wife of Fred P. Stelljes, cutter at the Hamilton-Brown shoe factory, attempted to commit suicide by taking carbolic acid at 8:45 o'clock this morning. The attempt was made on Cherry street by the Hall Theater.

W. J. Palmer, 830 Ash street, had just passed the woman and was only a few feet from her when he heard her fall. He turned around to find her lying unconscious with the bottle lying broken on the sidewalk. J. W. Penn was summoned and gave her an antidote with the aid of other persons on the scene. She was rushed to the Parker Memorial Hospital in an automobile. She was still in a serious condition at noon today, although she had improved somewhat. It is believed she will recover.

Went to Moving Picture Show.

When notified of his wife's act at the shoe factory immediately after the attempt, Mr. Stelljes would not at first believe it was his wife who had attempted to take her life. He hastened to the hospital to find her still unconscious.

According to Mr. Stelljes, his wife went to a motion picture show alone last night while he was developing pictures in the dark room of a neighbor. Mrs. Stelljes is a frequent visitor at motion picture shows, and he thought nothing of her going last night. When he returned to find that she had not taken their 8-year-old daughter with her, as she had always done before, he spoke to her about it.

"We have never had any trouble other than that my wife is prone to be a little extravagant and has caused me to reproach her occasionally for this reason," said Mr. Stelljes. "When she came home last night she told me she had stopped a few minutes at a dance over Challis' grocery store, on Wilkes boulevard. She came home from the dance with a young woman friend and her company."

In Cheerful Mood This Morning.

According to the husband, Mrs. Stelljes did not show signs of pre-meditating suicide this morning, acting as cheerful as usual when he left home. She told him she intended to return a book to a downtown store. The negro washwoman, whom she left at the house, 810 Alton avenue, reported that Mrs. Stelljes started downtown in an unusually cheerful mood, telling her she would return about 10:30 o'clock. No note could be found about the house to prove she had intended to take her life.

Mrs. Stelljes attended the Hall Theater last night where the picture, "Love or Justice" was shown.

"I cannot think of any motive for my wife trying to end her life," said Stelljes this morning. "She likes to be on the go, while I prefer to stay at home and spend my spare hours working at my hobby of photography. I expected to get home early enough last night, however, to go to the picture show with her. She left our daughter playing with the neighbors and she returned shortly after I reached the house. I did not consider her stopping at the dance hall anything unusual, since she told me she did not dance, but merely stopped on the way home."

Mrs. Stelljes purchased the poison at the Columbia Drug Store, securing three times enough to kill one, according to John B. Hopper, who sold the acid to her. A few minutes after making the purchase she tried to end her life. She was badly burned about the face and mouth. It was impossible to tell how much of the poison she swallowed, the bottle breaking when it hit the sidewalk.

Among the first to reach Mrs. Stelljes were Dr. W. W. Elwang, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and Dean F. B. Mumford of the College of Agriculture. Doctor Elwang obtained an egg and gave the white portion as an antidote.

CORN IS MATURING WELL

With Normal Weather Most of It Will Be Safe from Frost.

The weekly crop report of the U. S. Weather Bureau says the corn crop is maturing satisfactorily. The report for the week which ended yesterday follows:

"The first three or four days of the week were warm and highly favorable, but the last three days were considerably cooler than normal. Moderate to heavy rains fell on three days, giving ample moisture for present needs everywhere."

"A splendid corn crop is maturing satisfactorily, and with normal or nearly normal weather 77 per cent will be safe from frost damage by September 20 and 93 per cent will be safe by September 30. Cutting is in progress in the southwestern section. Pastures are generally in good condition, except they still are a little short in a few of the central and northeastern counties, but recent fine rains will bring them out to nearly full sustaining value. The harvesting of seed clover and late forage crops continues with good yields in most sections."

"The potato crop is good to excellent, and most minor crops are highly promising. There is a fair to good apple crop. Picking Jonathan and Grimes Golden will begin in about a week in Buchanan County. "Plowing for wheat has made good progress. The soil is in fine condition and it is, as a rule, being carefully prepared."

COLLISION IN THE AIR

Two Student Aviators Killed In Accident at North Island Field.

By Associated Press
SAN DIEGO, Cal., Sept. 12.—Ed M. Walsh, Jr., and Theo. B. Lyman are the student aviators at the North Island military aviation school who were killed today when their planes collided. Both were Californians.

By Associated Press
SAN DIEGO, Cal., Sept. 12.—Two student aviators of the United States Army fell to their death over North Island aviation field this morning when two biplanes they were driving collided 500 feet in the air.

Immediately after the accident patrols were placed about the island by the military authorities and no persons were allowed to approach. All information regarding the accident, including the names of the dead students, was refused by the officers at the field until an investigation has been made.

NEW PLAN FOR ENROLLMENT

Deans and Chairmen of Departments to Be in Library.

Registration at the University of Missouri will be changed somewhat this year from what it was last year. All fees may be paid at the secretary's office in Academic Hall. The dean of each school and the chairman of each department will be stationed in the Library Building. This is expected to eliminate walking and searching for buildings and offices on the part of new students, who are not familiar with the University. It will also save time in registering, it is said. Old students, who have sent in their registration blanks, will receive their study cards in the University Auditorium.

ROAD MEETING HERE

Columbia Business Men Set October 4 for State Old Trails Gathering.

At a meeting of Columbia business men interested in good roads in the Commercial Club rooms at 4 o'clock this afternoon it was decided to ask the Old Trails Association to meet here October 4. The meeting would be held at the new Daniel Boone Tavern and several hundred persons would be expected to attend.

The committee appointed W. P. Dysart and Sydney Stephens to attend the meeting of the State Highway commission at Jefferson City September 22 and to arrange for a meeting on that date if possible. The commission may set another date for the meeting.

Since the resignation of E. J. McGrew, president of the association, S. F. Conley, treasurer, and several others have been trying to call a meeting so that federal aid can be received for the roads of Missouri.

RED CROSS WORKERS SEND FIRST SUPPLIES

Nine Large Cases Shipped to St. Louis Headquarters This Afternoon.

MADE SINCE JUNE

Next Shipment Will Be Twice as Large—More Women Needed.

The Red Cross supplies made by the local chapter of the American Red Cross, were shipped to headquarters at St. Louis this afternoon. They were packed in pine boxes and contained all the supplies made since the women first began work early in June.

Large crosses in red were painted on each of the nine boxes, and W. J. Palmer offered the services of one of his expert decorators to line them and stencil the address. Mr. Palmer also covered the new surgical supply sewing tables free of charge as his contribution to the Red Cross.

The first box contained six outing flannel pajamas. The other eight boxes contained four dozen cross-barred muslin pajamas, thirty dozen hospital shirts, fifty-nine dozen shoes, eighty dozen T-bands, two dozen triangle bandages, two dozen and nine mufflers, fifteen sleeveless sweaters, seventeen helmets, fifty pairs of gloves, seventy-two eye bandages, sixteen pairs of socks, ninety-three cotton wipes, forty-one wash rags, one hundred packages each containing twenty-four gauze compressors, five dozen packages each containing twelve gauze head bandages, twenty-four dozen hospital shirts, eighteen and a half surgeon's gowns and three dozen hospital shirts, muslin bandages and many dozens of gauze rolls.

The Columbia chapter has received orders to double the next shipment of supplies. The attendance at the work room has been very small, but Mrs. W. H. Willis believes that there will be a full attendance as soon as the women of Columbia have more time to devote to sewing. Many more workers will be needed if the amount of supplies, requested at head quarters, are to be ready for the next shipment.

GOES TO START CAMP LIBRARY

More Than 5,000 Volumes Already at Funston for Soldiers' Use.

H. O. Severance, librarian of the University of Missouri, left today for Camp Funston, Kan., where he will take charge of the library for the army. Mr. Severance said this morning that the exact nature of his work had not yet been designated.

More than 5,000 volumes have been sent to Camp Funston from different parts of the state. The largest number was sent from Kansas City. The books which have been donated by Columbians will be sent tomorrow, since all of them have not yet been collected. The volumes collected in St. Louis were sent to other camps, so that it will be possible for every camp to have a fairly good library.

DECLINES BRITISH INVITATION

Dean Walter Williams Will Not Make Speeches in England.

Dean Walter Williams of the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri has declined the invitation received some time ago from a British committee to deliver a series of addresses in England upon "America and the War." "It is a time," said Dean Williams, "when every American should stick to the job in which he can be of most service."

NO FRENCH MINISTRY YET

Painleve Reports Failure to Organize Cabinet to Poincaré.

By Associated Press
LONDON, Sept. 12.—A dispatch from Paris to Reuters says Paul Painleve, minister of war, has failed to form a new ministry and has returned the mandate to President Poincaré. Poincaré has asked Painleve to continue his efforts and Painleve has asked time for reflection.

DR. P. E. GRAY TO FORT SILL

Dental Reserve Officer Receives Orders to Report.

Dr. P. E. Gray, first lieutenant in the Dental Reserve Corps, departed yesterday for Fort Sill, Ok., after receiving orders from the War Department to report. His offices in the Miller Building will be closed until after the war.

ARGENTINA TO SEND LUXBURG BACK HOME

Passports Sent to the German Legation There Today.

WANTS EXPLANATION

May Recall Ministers in Berlin If Germany Does Not Disapprove.

By Associated Press
BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Sept. 12.—The Argentine government today sent to the German legation passports to be delivered to Count Luxburg, the German charge d'affaires. The whereabouts of Count Luxburg are still unknown.

It was officially announced today that, if Germany failed to disapprove of Count Luxburg's actions, Argentina would recall her ministers at Berlin.

If the Berlin government disapproves his actions, the status quo will be maintained, it is said.

The Argentine foreign office today sent a communication to the German foreign ministry demanding an explanation of Count Luxburg's actions in sending secret code messages to Berlin through the Swedish legation.

If the German government disapproves of the text of the German minister's and especially of the word "jackass," which term the Count applied to the Argentine foreign minister, the situation may clear. If Berlin does not disavow this statement, the republic will recall its ministers.

SECOND INCREMENT 62

Local Draft Board Gets Tentative Instructions to Send Men September 21.

Sixty-two men, none of them negroes, will leave Columbia at 10:50 o'clock on the morning of September 21 for Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kan., as the second increment of Boone County's quota of 166 for the National Army, according to the tentative instructions received by the local draft board late this afternoon from Adjutant General J. H. McCord.

This number is four less than 40 per cent of the quota, as this county was given credit for four extra men who were sent with the first increment September 5. Previous instructions were to have the men ready to move September 19. The last instructions may be changed Friday when the adjutant general will send a telegram stating the exact number to be sent.

The board will make the official list of who shall compose the second increment as soon as they receive the final list of how many shall be sent.

The instructions specify that only white men shall be sent, as the latest advice from Washington is that negroes will be put in a special camp later, where they will train to form separate units of the National Army as in the regular service.

The men will be identified with tags which are now being designed by the board. They will be placed under the charge of one man, who will be responsible for the whole party. The transportation will be made out in this person's name as "John Smith and party of sixty-one." The men will go to Kansas City on the Wash and from there to Fort Riley on the Union Pacific. They will have thirty-five minutes for lunch in Moberly.

As the men will probably arrive in camp at night, it is suggested by McCord that someone in the party take flashlight. The Government will not pay for this, however. Herbert V. Jenkins, R. F. D. 2, Ashland; Lilburn C. Nichols, Worley street, Columbia; Robert E. Goldsberry, Harrisburg, and Robert E. Wilhite, Harrisburg, who were denied discharge from service in the National Army today filed notices with the local draft board that they would appeal to the district board at Joplin. All claims were on the grounds of dependents.

To Give Extension Lecture.

Dr. F. W. Caldwell of the Agricultural Extension Service went to Carrollton today to give a lecture before the Carroll County Stock Breeders' Association.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Thursday; warmer. For Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Thursday; rising temperature.

Weather Conditions.
The cool wave is on its way to the Atlantic, and is giving clear and cool weather over the entire eastern half of the country, stretching from New England to Florida. Light frosts have formed in districts north of the Ohio.

West of the Mississippi the weather is somewhat warmer, owing to the approach of the far Northwest of a well developed low pressure wave, which is central this morning in Manitoba.

Light rains have fallen in Minnesota northwest into Alberta. Except at two or three widely separated points there was no rain in the principal grain or cotton region.

In Columbia generally fair weather with rising temperature will prevail over Thursday, although becoming slightly unsettled and windy.

Local Data.
The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 67 degrees and the lowest last night was 45; precipitation 0.00; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday 45 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 90 and the lowest 67; precipitation 0.00 inch.

The Almanac.
Sun rises today, 5:48 a. m. Sun sets, 7:23 p. m.
Moon rises 2:12 a. m.

The Temperatures of Today.
7 a. m. 52 11 a. m. 70
8 a. m. 56 12 m. 72
9 a. m. 62 1 p. m. 73
10 a. m. 66 2 p. m. 75

AMERICAN MONEY AIDS

A. Bonar Law Says England Would Be in Bad Straits Without It.

By Associated Press
LONDON, Sept. 12.—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, speaking today at a luncheon given by the Empire Parliamentary Association to Lord McCormick, congressman-at-large from Illinois, said:

"In everything connected with the military arms the Germans have shown remarkable results, even genius. But in dealing with questions of human nature they have repeatedly made mistakes which have been the salvation of the Entente Allies."

"No mistake have they made that will be so great in its consequences as that which drove the United States into the war. The German leaders have been saying the Entente was relying on the United States as their last hope. I want to say that we do not rely on the United States."

"As chancellor of the exchequer," Law continued, "I am ready to say to you now what I should have been sorry to have said six months ago, namely: that without the United States' financial assistance, the Allies would have been in distressing straits today."

ASK EXEMPTION OF FARMERS

P. P. Lewis and Jewell Mayes Urge Gardner to Make Request.

P. P. Lewis, president of the State Board of Agriculture and member of an exemption board in St. Louis County, and Jewell Mayes of Columbia, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, have addressed a letter to Governor Gardner asking that the executive take up with Provost Marshal Crowder the question of temporarily exempting farmers subject to the draft.

The letter declares that many young farmers are being placed in the national army and that as a result it will be difficult to plow an increased acreage this fall as has been urged by Food Administrator Hoover.

DR. TAYLOR NOT TO GO NOW

His Y. M. C. A. Work at Front Will Be Delayed For Month at Least.

Dr. A. W. Taylor of the Missouri Bible College will not go to France to do Y. M. C. A. work at the front for some time, at least. His duties at the Bible college and other work will keep him here for the first semester, he says, but it may be that he will be able to go later.

Hartley McVey at Belleville Camp.

In a group photograph of students and instructors at the Belleville aviation flying camp published in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch yesterday is Hartley McVey of Columbia, a former student of the University. He is the son of Mrs. Lucy McVey, who lives in the Dumas apartments. The picture was taken on the first day of flying at the camp.

Out of Flour in Finland.

By Associated Press
HELSINKI, Finland, Sept. 12.—According to the Hufvudstadsbladet, communes containing 1,800,000 inhabitants, of a total Finnish population of 3,200,000, have reported that their supplies of flour will run out at least a month before the reaping of this year's crops.

NEW RUSSIAN ARMY CHIEF IS APPOINTED

Leaders Confident of Final Overthrow of General Korniloff.

AVOID CIVIL STRIFE

State of War Exists in the Town and District of Moscow.

By Associated Press
PETROGRAD, Sept. 12.—The provisional government today declared that a state of war exists in the town and district of Moscow.

Part of Korniloff's Army Quits.

By Associated Press
PETROGRAD (Winter Palace), Sept. 11 (delayed).—While unable yet to report the final overthrow of General Korniloff, members of the Russian provisional government, in conversation with the Associated Press this evening, summed up the situation optimistically.

The new commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, Major General Bonch-Bruyovitch, who formerly was attached to the staff of General Brusiloff, one-time commander-in-chief, has from the first been devoted to the provisional government.

An unconfirmed report received at the capital is to the effect that part of General Korniloff's army is surrendering. In an interview Vice-Premier and Minister of Finance Nekrasoff informed the Associated Press that General Sorjevetski, commander on the Caucasus front, and Lieutenant General Didmirt Stcherovtcheff, commander on the Rumanian front, have declared definitely their allegiance to the government.

From the commander on the Russian front no news has been received, but from his attitude there is reason to believe he remains loyal. The attitude of General Klembovski, commander on the north front, is enigmatical. He based his refusal to accept the command-in-chief on the fact that the position on his front required his special attention. Asked for an explanation why he allowed General Korniloff's army to pass through Pskov, he replied that those troops were not under his command. The government vice-premier said he has told General Klembovski he must either define his attitude or resign.

General Lakomski, chief of staff, the vice-premier added, was the chief conspirator. There was evidence the conspiracy had been prepared carefully and the government was caught wholly unaware.

The Constitutional Democrats, M. Nekrasoff said, had no part in the plot. No members of that party had been at General Korniloff's headquarters. The government has received information that dissension has broken out in General Korniloff's camp.

Would Avoid Civil War.

By Associated Press
PETROGRAD, Sept. 12.—The central committee of the Constitutional Democratic party today informed Premier Kerensky that the party was agreed to its members joining a re-constituted Russian government in order to avoid civil war.

MOTHER URSULA LEAVES HERE

Head of Parochial School to Take Charge of St. Agnes Convent.

Mother Ursula, sister superior at the Sacred Heart Parochial School, left this morning for St. Louis, where she will be the head of the St. Agnes Convent. Her successor has not been chosen. Mother Ursula came here from St. Louis five years ago to take charge of the Catholic school. Under her supervision the school has become firmly established and there are over fifty pupils enrolled at present.

W. E. Hall, Jr., Manager of Ohio Paper

W. E. Hall, Jr., who was graduated from the School of Journalism of the University in 1913, has accepted the position of manager of The People's Defender of West Union, Ohio, and has full charge of that weekly newspaper.

Replaces Berlin Wool.

By Associated Press
DUBLIN, Ireland, Sept. 12.—The Council of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce reports that Berlin wool has now been almost entirely replaced in Ireland by Blarney fingering wool.